

# Lives Risked to Call for Justice and Conscience



**Falun Gong practitioners holding an international press conference in Beijing**

On October 28, 1999, practitioners organized a ground-breaking international press conference in Beijing. It broke the news blockade imposed by the government, and for the first time, the Western media had a chance to listen to Falun Gong practitioners' own stories. Foreign reporters who attended were deeply moved by the undaunted spirit of the practitioners, and filed a factual report of events happening in China instead of relying on the state-controlled media.

All of these practitioners were eventually tracked down, arrested, and imprisoned. Many well-known practitioners like Ding Yan were tortured to death.

## Changchun Cable TV Broadcasts Surprise Falun Gong Programs

On March 5, 2002, Falun Gong practitioners were able to broadcast truth-clarifying programs on eight cable channels in Changchun. Millions of people learned about the truth behind the three-year persecution from the 40-minute broadcast. This incident sent shock waves throughout Mainland China. Furious officials arrested 5,000 practitioners and massacred over a hundred to discourage further such exposure.



**The first Falun Gong conference held in Guangzhou since persecution began**

## Walking thousands of miles to appeal in Beijing



An old farmer from Xinjiang Province walked thousands of miles to Beijing to appeal. When he was arrested, he opened his backpack and took out a dozen threadbare straw sandals. He showed these to

the policeman and said, "I walked so far just to get here, just to say a few words from my heart. Falun Gong is good! The government made a mistake!"

On November 19, 1999, seventeen practitioners from China, Australia, United States, Sweden, and other countries, gathered in Guangzhou Province to hold a private experience-sharing conference. On November 25, police broke into their room at 3 a.m. to arrest them. Yet facing the menacing policemen, practitioners calmly posed for a group photo in front of Master Li's picture. With a composed smile, Ding Yan surveyed the room full of police and said to all the practitioners, "Before the policemen take me away, let me read to everyone the experience-sharing article that I wrote for this conference." All the practitioners swarmed around Ding Yan. Then with flowing tears she read her article, "Let Life Display Its Brilliance in Fa Rectification." All wept; even the policemen shed tears.